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Summer Campers Fight Crime in the Tobacco Free Art Contest

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Naples, FL - The Tobacco Free Collier Partnership would like to congratulate **Zaddy Hernandez** of **Camp Mackle** and **Dante Holts** of **Golden Gate Community Center**, this year's winners of the 2019 Tobacco Free Summer Art Contest! This contest gave campers an opportunity to bring forth their artistic skills in a way that displays the harmful effects associated with tobacco use on famous cartoons as well as why their favorite cartoons do not use tobacco products.

This year's topic was "Famous cartoons fighting against the E-epidemic" a topic both K-5 and 6-8 graders can relate to. The E-epidemic is the dramatic increase of youth vaping across the country, including Florida. Teens are vaping at much higher rates compared to adults. To help the participants better understand the topic, Tobacco Free Collier staff visited each participating summer camp to give a presentation covering the various ways tobacco can affect their lives and how they could portray these affects in a creative and unique art piece relating to the topic.

Now in its fifth year, a total of 9 summer camps around Collier County participated, resulting in over **115 entries!** The art contest represents a fun opportunity for local kids to show off their creative side while supporting a worthy cause. A variety of the art work submitted by the participants will be displayed at the South Collier Regional Library, and Immokalee Library throughout the months of August and September.

If you have any questions or would be interested in participating in the Tobacco Free Art Contest next summer, please contact The Tobacco Free Collier Partnership at 239-252-6852.

Summer Camps that Participated

- North Collier Regional Park
- Eagles Lake Community Park
- Golden Gate Community Center
- North Naples Middle School
- Golden Gate Elementary School (AIR)
- Immokalee South Park
- Immokalee Community Park
- Max Hasse Jr. Community Park
- Camp Mackle

Elementary School Winners

- *1st Place: Zaddy Hernandez- Max Hasse Jr. Community Park*
- *2nd Place: Ashley Heinrich- Camp Mackle*
- *3rd Place: Andraa Guzman- Immokalee Community Park Camp*

Middle School Winners

- *1st Place: Donte Holts- Golden Gate Community Center*
- *2nd Place: Malik Dale- Immokalee South Park Camp*
- *3rd Place: Keiniya Ivory- Immokalee Community Park Camp*



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